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Identical letters dated 6 May 2015 from the Permanent Representative of Georgia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General and the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to transmit herewith the statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, dated 5 May 2015, regarding the death of 12-year-old Irakli Tsaava, a resident of the Russian-occupied Georgian region of Abkhazia (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 33, and of the Security Council.

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Statement of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia regarding the death of 12-year-old Irakli Tsaava, a resident of the Russian-occupied Georgian region of Abkhazia

5 May 2015

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia expresses its deep concern over yet another illegal action of the Russian occupation troops, which resulted in the death of Irakli Tsaava, 12 years of age, who lived in the village of Kvemo Barghebi, in the Gali district of the Abkhazia region of Georgia. On 4 May 2015, Irakli Tsaava, having severe health problems, attempted to enter the territory controlled by the central authorities of Georgia with the aim of receiving medical care, but he was prevented by Russian occupation troops from crossing the occupation line and died as a result of the refusal of medical care.

This incident provides yet additional proof of the dire human rights situation in Georgia's occupied territories.

Despite repeated calls by the international community, the Russian occupation troops continue to grossly violate human rights, including the right to free movement, which in many cases leads to fatal consequences. The situation becomes all the more alarming given the absence of international monitoring mechanisms in Georgia's occupied territories. The European Union Monitoring Mission is still prevented from carrying out monitoring on the ground, and representatives of the international organizations are denied access to the occupied territories.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia calls upon the Russian Federation, which is the country exercising effective control in the occupied Abkhazia and Tskhinvali regions of Georgia, to show respect for the fundamental rights of the population residing in the occupied territories and not to politicize the humanitarian issues.